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Home of the Iceman Team

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# Arctic Sentry



“Unrivaled Combat Capability Today and Tomorrow”

## MOS receives top DOD recognition

The men and women of the 354th Maintenance Operations Squadron were recently awarded the 2006 Department of Defense, Commander-in-Chief’s Installation Excellence Award Special Recognition Award.

The award notification was a culmination of several awards the 354th MOS had already received, including selection as both the 2005 Pacific Air Forces Maintenance Effectiveness Award winner and the Hoyt S. Vandenberg unit nominee selected to represent the best of Pacific Air Force at the Air Force level.

“These awards validate the hard work and diligence our people put into this mission every single

day,” said Lt. Col. Fredrick Plaumann, 354th MOS commander.

“As a commander it is exhilarating to watch a diverse squadron made up of over 20 different Air Force specialties work together and build upon each other’s strengths, effectively making each flight a winner in its unique way.”

The maintenance training flight collaborated with other flights as well as with their sister squadrons to effectively manage more than 22,000 training events last year.

“It is a humbling experience when you are able to watch the men and women in your squadrons receive recognition for their outstanding endeavors

in completing the missions day in and day out,” said Col. Ronald Crosby, 354th Maintenance Group commander.

The maintenance group’s quality assurance flight led the way during the inspection and achieved a 100 percent pass rate. The flight’s successes have also had installation-wide impact.

“For example, the Air Force Repair and Enhancement Program, which was responsible for returning \$2.8 million to Eielson in the form of cost savings, was instrumental in providing funds for quality of life improvements across the installation; items such as television monitors for the cardio equipment at the base gym and critically needed cold weather gear for

wing personnel,” Col. Plaumann said.

The weapons standardization section earned PACAF’s Explosive Safety Award for 2005 for zero munitions mishaps. Adding to the award package, the database management team led the wing’s maintenance database conversion by validating more than 6.1 million records prior to the conversion deadline.

“When it comes to maintenance analysis, I believe we have one of the strongest teams in PACAF,” Col. Plaumann said. “Our analysis flight’s comprehensive studies provided insight to maintenance

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## HOME sweet HOME



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Julie Avey

**Top, Airmen returning from deployment are greeted by wing and group commanders May 12 at the Joint Mobility Complex. Above, Tech. Sgt. Reginald Shields, 354th Maintenance Group, receives a welcome back hug from his wife, Staff Sgt. Churie Shields, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, and his daughters, Olivia and Brittney.**

## New redeployment policy in effect

by **Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver**  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A new redeployment policy ensures Icemen have a smooth transition back to Eielson after their deployment.

“Each redeployment will be divided into three phases: arrival day, in-processing day and reconstitution start day,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher Worthen, 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron assistant deployment NCOIC.

Prior to Airmen returning from deployment, all affected organizations will be notified of the aircraft arrival time, he said. After

Airmen have cleared customs, they are free to go home until the following duty day.

“Our goal is to have them in-processed and on their way in about two hours,” Sergeant Worthen said. “We want to make this as painless as possible for them.”

Once Airmen have completely in-processed, they may begin their reconstitution time.

“Normally, the reconstitution will begin two calendar days after aircraft arrival time,” Sergeant Worthen added.

For more information, call Mr. Tim Donovan at 377-3213 or 2nd Lt. Jeff Carpenter at 377-7041.

### Free DVD helps combat stress

To help ensure that Airmen who are suffering from combat stress get the help they need, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, the Department of Defense contractor administering the TRICARE program in the West Region, has produced a post-deployment support DVD featuring advice, information and encouragement from behavioral health experts. To order a free copy of “Getting Home: All the Way Home,” go to [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com).



Airman Christopher Griffin

### Operation beautification

**Airman Adam Schiffer, 354th Communications Squadron, and other Eielson members work together picking up trash and other debris on base May 12 in an effort to keep the base clean and beautiful.**

### ICEMEN DEPLOYED



Iraqi Freedom: 74  
Enduring Freedom: 257  
Other: 5  
Total = 336  
As of May 17

### Today

High 60, Low 40  
AM Showers



Sunrise: 4:16a.m.  
Sunset: 11:21 p.m.  
Daylight: 19 hrs. 5 mins.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

### Saturday

High 64, Low 41  
Mostly Cloudy



Sunrise: 4:13 a.m.  
Sunset: 11:25 p.m.  
Daylight: 19 hrs. 13 mins.

### Sunday

High 62, Low 41  
Chance of Showers



Sunrise: 4:09 a.m.  
Sunset: 11:28 p.m.  
Daylight: 19 hrs. 19 mins.



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issues and helped form corrective action plans.”

Contributing to the maintenance group's excellence, the wing's plans scheduling and documentation office kept both the flying and maintenance scheduling processes running smoothly while the engine management folks were rated number two of

23 in the combat Air Forces for their abilities and success in managing 78 engines. The maintenance operation center personnel ensured maintenance needs were met for more than 300 visitors and 60 aircraft from seven foreign countries.

“When you get down to it, our Airmen's professionalism and team-

work across the maintenance group, coupled with a relentless mission focus day in and day out, culminated in their being recognized with multiple PACAF-level awards and a DoD award,” said Colonel Crosby. “Their success makes me proud to be part of the MXG team.”

*Courtesy of the 354th MOS.*

**ATV from Page 1**

Airman Nora Anton

**Staff Sgt. Richard Caudill, 354th Fighter Wing Safety Office, teaches ATV student Senior Airman Galen Perry, 354th Maintenance Squadron, how to manage a sharp turn on an ATV during an ATV training class May 5.**

manufacturer guidance on passenger transportation. \* Commanders are required to initiate an investigation when it appears that an ATV operator's negligence or irresponsibility was a significant contributing factor in an ATV-related mishap.

“Failure to follow proper ATV guidelines could result in appropriate judicial, non-judicial or administrative actions, such as courts-martial, Article 15s or line of duty determinations, as warranted by (these) investigations,” said Sergeant Caudill.

**ATV training dates**

*\*Dates subject to change. Call 377-1351 to reserve a class.*

**June 16**

**June 23**

**June 30**

**July 7**

# Plant, fertilize, mulch, water, mow – repeat

## Icemen urged to take part in HYPO program

**by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver**  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

As shoots of green start popping up from the ground and blossoms begin to open, Icemen and their families are encouraged to participate in the “Home You're Proud Of” program.

“This program is designed to foster morale in our community and improve the appearance of our surroundings,” said Katrina Wollitz, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron housing inspector. “In the competition, five judges evaluate lawn condition, mowing, trimming, flowers and overall maintenance to determine the best-looking homes on Eielson.”

During the summer, all base houses will be judged during the third week of each month on lawn condition, mowing, trimming, flowers and overall maintenance, said Mrs. Wollitz.

Each month, housing inspectors nominate 15 homes in three housing areas. Then, judges from various base agencies like the officers' and enlisted spouses clubs, Air

Force Sergeants Association, 354th Services Squadron and Army Air Force Exchange Service, evaluate the homes and choose the best one from each of the following zones:

Zone 1 – Spruce Wood Homes (Cool HOME units) and French Creek.

Zone 2 – Galaxy Heights, Arctic and Koyuk Avenues, and Birch, North and Kodiak Street (north side of Kodiak).

Zone 3 – Moose Lake homes, Ravens Wood, Broadway Housing, Kodiak Street (south side of Kodiak), Klondike Loop and Yukon Way.

“Monthly winners will receive prizes, a certificate and a Home You're Proud Of sign to display during the following month,” added Mrs. Wollitz. A grand prize winner will be chosen in early September from the monthly winners and will receive \$100, donated by the housing office staff.

“Residents can be very creative using yard ornaments, flowerbeds around trees and other unique designs,” Mrs. Wollitz said.

The housing self-help center provides free tools, flower vouchers beginning May 26, grass seeds, lawn patch, fertilizer, lime, rakes, shovels, tillers, weed eaters, patio paving bricks, landscape timers and planter boxes to housing residents. The self-help center is located on Arctic Ave. in bldg. 3354. Call 372-3140.

**APA month**

**Master Sgt. Rob Palos (left) and members of the Asian Pacific Heritage Committee served various types of Asian food to Icemen and their families at the Summer Expo Saturday at the fitness center. An Asian Pacific Heritage luncheon takes place 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Aurora Club. For tickets, call Airman 1st Class Hunter Linblad at 377-3214 or Sergeant Palos at 377-1357. Reservations due by Tuesday.**



Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver

# \$8,000 scholarship winners announced



**This year's Eielson Officers' Spouses Club scholarship winners. Back row, left to right: LaDawn Collins, Brandt Crosby, Tim Theurer and Kevan Lacey. Front row, left to right: Emily Catahay, Brandy Mader, Amber Drumm, Jody Harrison and OSC president Kelli McCrea.**

Eight military dependents and their spouses received \$8,000 in scholarships from Eielson's Officers' Spouses Club.

The winners were: LaDawn Collins, Brandt Crosby, Tim Theurer, Kevan Lacey, Emily Catahay, Brandy Mader, Amber Drumm and Jody Harrison.

“Congratulations to our EOSC winners,” said Suzie Crosby, OSC member. “The OSC is proud and pleased to be able to provide scholarships for our military dependants and spouses.”

The OSC would like to thank the many units and people of the Eielson community who contributed to the scholarship fund.

“Without the help of community members who volunteered, shopped and consigned at the thrift shop; and volunteered and shopped at the annual OSC Bazaar, we would not be able to contribute to the community,” she said.

The OSC has been able to contribute

\$11,520 to Eielson groups; \$3,250 to North Pole/Fairbanks, \$5,164 nationally, and an additional \$8,000 in scholarships.

“The thrift shop is the OSC's primary source of contributions to our community and base,” Mrs. Crosby said. “Located just off of North Street, it is run by volunteers and recently, a manager and assistant manager were hired in order to keep continuity during busy permanent change of station times.

The Thrift Shop's hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays.

“Please continue to support our efforts to make our base and local area a better place to live for all,” she said. “Shop, consign, volunteer or just help us spread the word. Without you, we could not accomplish the goals we aim to achieve. From all of the OSC members, thank you.”

*Courtesy of Officer's Spouses' Club.*

## Names 2 Note

### AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL GRADUATES

*The following 25 Senior Airmen graduated from Airmen Leadership School on Tuesday.*

**John L. Levitow Award**  
Matthew Coleman

**Distinguished Graduate**  
Katrina Singleton  
Jared Conary

**Academic Achievement Award**  
Jared Conary

**Leadership Award**  
Joshua Ayers

James Bojonny  
Jeffrey Skaggs  
Chris Borgan  
Nicholas Anderson

Jordan Shaulis  
Rebecca Clay  
Lee Dockery  
Joshua Queen  
Eldon Arnaud  
Michael Sutherland  
Christopher Schmitt  
Casey Miller  
Anthony Leslie  
Shamara St Germain  
Matthew Duncan  
John Stricklin  
Amy Perry  
Billy Griffin  
Darrel Manuel  
Armando Irizarry  
Aaron Middleton

**DWI CLOCK**

The Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI: **23**

Days until goal: **37**



Need a free ride home from the North Pole area or on base?

**Call: 377-RIDE from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights**

Need a ride home from Fairbanks?

**Call: Klondike Cab, at 457-RIDE (7433) for discounted rides back to base.**

**AADD VOLUNTEERS**

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 13 rides last weekend and have 'saved' **4,852** lives to date.

*Special thanks to last week's Icemen volunteers for helping keep our Airmen safe.*

Airman 1st Class Aaron Dozier  
Airman 1st Class Shelby Jacobson  
Airman 1st Class Dawn Naso  
Staff Sgt. Eralyn Burgess  
Airman 1st Class Daronn Rawlins  
Staff Sgt. Kimesha Harris  
Airman 1st Class Thomas Slack  
Senior Airman Charity Orriss  
Senior Airman Daniel Park  
Tech. Sgt. Ronald Jones  
Airman 1st Class Nicholas Kent

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COMMANDER'S  
CORNERCommander's  
Hotline

377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them.

Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you've contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Brig. Gen. Dave Scott  
354th Fighter Wing commander

Newspaper  
deadlines

ARCTIC SENTRY deadlines are close of business Friday prior to the following Friday's publication. E-mail submissions to [editor@eielson.af.mil](mailto:editor@eielson.af.mil).

## Story ideas?

THE ARCTIC SENTRY staff seeks to provide its customers with informative stories about the Iceman Team. E-mail story ideas to: [editor@eielson.af.mil](mailto:editor@eielson.af.mil).

## Icemen lauded for cleanup efforts



Airman Jonathan Snyder

**More than 1,000 Iceman Team members lined the flight line and surrounding area in preparation for a foreign object debris walk May 12. The purpose of the FOD walk is to eliminate any debris that could potentially damage aircraft.**

by Brig. Gen. Dave Scott  
354th Fighter Wing commander

I'd like to thank all of our outstanding Icemen for the cleanup efforts this past week. I returned from a TDY this past weekend and saw first hand the efforts that each and everyone of you participated in. The base looked fantastic. I also want to commend you on the wing-wide FOD walk which was hugely successful, and is a big part of ensuring our jets get off the ground safely to accomplish the mission.

The dedication to your community didn't stop at the base though, as I saw several of you cleaning up the Richardson Highway upon my return from TDY.

Please keep up the good work and continue to volunteer time to support the community that supports you so proudly.

As the snow melts away, let's continue to keep Eielson a clean, safe and an environ-

mentally sound place to live and work.

Alaska's a beautiful place to live, work and play and I encourage you to keep our little piece of it up to standards by keeping a couple of things in mind during our warm season.

Take pride in ownership – be proud of your home and your base. Ensure that you keep your yard in good condition, clean up after your pets and take advantage of the items available through self help which offer us some tools to make our houses and neighborhoods homes.

With the various exercises and visits taking place this summer, we'll be receiving a lot of guests. If you see trash on the ground, please pick it up. We need every single Iceman and family member to contribute to keeping our base in top condition.

Thanks again for all you do and continue to make Eielson a great place to work, live and play.

## SECAF thanks Airmen for dedication, service

*Service before self exemplified in active, Guard, Reserve members*

This past February, in my Letter to Airmen addressing our three USAF Core Values, I shared these thoughts on Service Before Self:

It is not the same as "service," a value also claimed by some civilian institutions and corporations. Our service requires sacrifice and commitment to our nation. We understand we make decisions in an environment where freedoms are on the line and lives are at stake. Service Before Self begins with duty, but it means more: It means that, in our Air Force, as we fly and fight in war and peace, *going above-and-beyond – the-call-of-duty is not the exception – it is the rule.*

It is the rule because every Airman is an expeditionary Airman, whom the Joint Team counts on every day to be trained and battle ready. Delivering sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests requires self-sacrifice.

As I visit and work with Airmen around the world, I could not be prouder of the many ways that you sacrifice for Service Before Self, whether the mission is combat operations or humanitarian relief. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina provides a great example. Many of our critical search and rescue Airmen who had just returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments immediately went to rescue Americans from rooftops in New Orleans instead of taking a well-earned leave.



"Your service in the Air Force--with all the risks and sacrifices that service demands--is service to our nation, to its values, and to its dreams. The participation in "wingman" programs to enhance relationships and security to fellow airmen is yet a further example. "

Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force

Another example of such Service Before Self is the remarkable number of Air Force Reservists and Air National Guardsmen who volunteer for deployments. At great sacrifice to their families and often at the expense of their private businesses, they continue to volunteer to contribute to the fight. Their service allows our Air Force leaders to integrate them into units creating a truly seamless Total Force for the Joint Team.

Your service in the Air Force--with all the risks and sacrifices that service demands--is service to our nation, to its values, and to its dreams. The participation in "wingman" programs to enhance relationships and security to fellow Airmen is yet a further example.

Everything we have done--and everything we will do--begins with an oath that changes our lives.

We understand that the nation depends upon us to live up to that oath. We understand that, as we serve on the front lines of freedom, our promise to serve must come before all else.

On behalf of the Air Force, and on behalf of a grateful nation, I thank you for your dedication, your devotion, and your Service Before Self. I salute you all.



Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force



# Airmen relax at coffee house

Airman Daniel Coomer, 354th Fighter Wing chaplain's assistant, serves a milkshake to Airman Sandra Alexander, 354th Communications Squadron. The coffee house is located in the basement of dormitory bldg. 2333.



Photos by Airman Nora Anton



Airman 1st Class Garry Volts (left), 354th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Knox, 354th AMXS, use the coffee house's free computers to look up jokes on the internet.

Airman 1st Class Deangelo Ortiz, 354th AMXS and Airman Jonathan Snyder, 354th CS, play videogames Monday at the coffee house. The coffee house offers free games, coffee, milkshakes and other activities. To volunteer or for more information, call 377-2130.

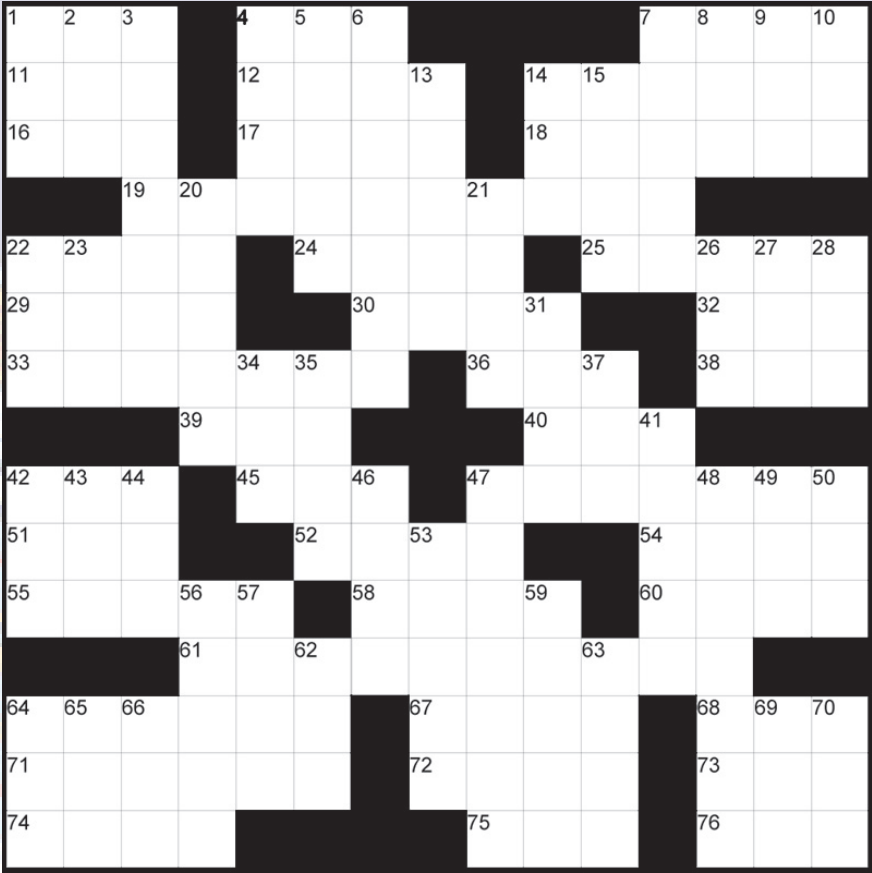


# Air Force Cross Heroes

by Capt. Tony Wickman  
71 Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

- ACROSS
- 1. Afternoon beverage in London
  - 4. Mil. lawyer
  - 7. Air Force Cross recipient Lt Col Allan R. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
  - 11. Sphere
  - 12. Warsaw \_\_\_\_, NATO antagonist until 1991
  - 14. Mention
  - 16. USN equivalent to AFB
  - 17. Car
  - 18. Spring or winter
  - 19. Air Force Cross recipient SrA Jason D. \_\_\_\_ (OEF)
  - 22. American \_\_\_\_
  - 24. Roman garb
  - 25. Air Force Cross recipient Maj Dean E. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
  - 29. Bombast
  - 30. USA Medal of Honor recipient PFC David P. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
  - 32. Commotion
  - 33. Air Force Cross recipient Capt William \_\_\_\_ (Gulf War)
  - 36. Took cover
  - 38. Air Force Cross recipient Col George E. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
  - 39. 2005 movie "\_\_\_\_ We There Yet?"
  - 40. African antelope
  - 42. Policeman, informally
  - 45. Yank's opponent

- 47. Air Force Cross recipient TSgt John \_\_\_\_ (OEF)
  - 51. Op or deco
  - 52. \_\_\_\_ Raton, Fla.
  - 54. Heap
  - 55. Air Force Cross recipient Maj Robert S. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
  - 58. Defy
  - 60. Manuscript work
  - 61. Air Force Cross recipient Lt Col Edwin L. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
  - 64. Panda's grub
  - 67. Italian currency, once
  - 68. \_\_\_\_ on; spur to action
  - 71. Disconnected
  - 72. Temper
  - 73. Kwik-E-Mart owner
  - 74. Celebrity
  - 75. Shoe size
  - 76. USN Medal of Honor recipient HC2 David R. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
- DOWN
- 1. Heavy weight
  - 2. Epoch
  - 3. Flee
  - 4. Bridge
  - 5. Short excursion
  - 6. Maneuvers
  - 7. Culpability
  - 8. Down Under country, in short
  - 9. Tokyo once
  - 10. Stimp's pal
  - 13. South Pacific island



- 14. Burn residue
- 15. Guide
- 20. Radical
- 21. Cut
- 22. A Gershwin
- 23. Hall of Fame QB Marino
- 26. 2004 movie "Win a Date with \_\_\_\_ Hamilton!"
- 27. Oklahoma town
- 28. Air Force Cross recipient Col \_\_\_\_ A. Knight, Jr. (Vietnam)
- 31. 1949 Academy Award-nominated best picture "Twelve O'Clock \_\_\_\_"
- 34. Mistake
- 35. Hall of Fame Coach Ewbank
- 37. C.S.I. clue
- 41. Topmost
- 42. Taxi

## May 12 Solutions

BEY MAH MAO  
SCALE ALA ILL  
NOMANISENTITLED  
ONUS SAUTE  
TOTHEBLESSINGS  
IRE APE  
ADRIAN ELAN  
OFFREEDOMUNLESS  
BIOS HARASS  
ISR LAS  
HEBEVIGILANTIN  
OPINE URDU  
ITSPRESERVATION  
MOE OWE BASSO  
PEA MST INK

- 43. Mining goal
- 44. School org.
- 46. Air Force Cross recipient Col John R. \_\_\_\_ (Vietnam)
- 47. Gun
- 48. June, perhaps
- 49. Greatest boxer
- 50. Earn
- 53. Air Force Cross recipient Maj \_\_\_\_ B. Mitchell (Vietnam) and others
- 56. Work
- 57. British school
- 59. Creepy
- 62. Foot part
- 63. Evaluate
- 64. School transport
- 65. Picnic pest
- 66. Mil. Organization defending the US from ballistic missiles
- 69. Academic standard, in short
- 70. Air Force Cross recipient Col Theo-

HIP-HOP NIGHT AT THE  
YUKON CLUB

9 pm to 2 am

Friday, May 19

The only club within 100 miles  
that's open to 18 and up

NO COVER!!

Midnight Drawing, prizes  
and other giveaways

BASE 24/7





**Arbor Day tree**  
Members of the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron plant the Sexual Assault Victim Awareness Tree Monday in front of the family support center. The tree was planted to stand as a living symbol of awareness that sexual violence is prevalent in our society. It will forever be dedicated to those whose lives have been impacted by sexual violence.



Captain Tina Baker

## Three-strike policy on housing maintenance strictly enforced

One of the goals of the 354th Fighter Wing is to ensure Eielson’s community is a safe and pleasant place to live.

On-base housing residents are encouraged to maintain their housing properties. Non-compliance of exterior appearance standards referenced in 354th FW Pamphlet 32-2, base family housing brochure, will result in a written notice. If a housing occupant receives three notices within a 12-month period, they may be evicted from government quarters.

Residents who receive a notice and are unclear as to why, are encouraged to contact the housing office for clarification. For questions or more information, please contact the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron housing office at 377-2286.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Vietnam POW to speak

Barry Bridger, former Vietnam prisoner of war, will speak on his experiences from noon to 1 to 2 p.m. today at the base theater. For more information, call 377-1411.

### Boy scouts

The Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America is requesting 12 military volunteers (10 not AFSC specific and two medical technicians) to help provide leadership of Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs to more than 300 Scouts. Training is June 19-23. Call Capt. Christoper Anderson at 377-1088 or 2nd Lt. Bryon McGarry at 377-3153.

### Blood drive

Eielson’s First Sergeant Council blood drive is slated for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the base theater. Walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Senior Master Sgt. David Spencer at 377-5279.

### New Commissary, BX hours

Beginning June 3, the commissary will be opening 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The BX will be opening 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sun-

days. All other hours will remain the same.

### Angel Awards

The Eielson Family Support Center is hosting the Annual Angel Awards Celebration slated for 12 to 4 p.m. today at the Par Course next to natural resources. This event celebrates and recognizes all volunteers from the community. For more information, call 377-2178.

### Assessment survey

The 2006 Community Assessment Survey is underway and is designed to assess the current state of the Air Force community by measuring community satisfaction, personnel preparedness, family adaptation, physical, spiritual and mental well-being and safety. All dependant spouses may take the survey online. Individuals will receive an access code to complete the survey. Go to [www.spouseAFCAsurvey.com](http://www.spouseAFCAsurvey.com).

### Spouse tuition assistance

Spouse tuition assistance applications for summer sessions in colleges or certification programs are due today. For an application, stop by the base education office located in bldg. 2623.

### Volunteers needed

A Vietnam Memorial replica will be on display Wednesday through May 30 at Veterans Memorial Park. Two hundred and eighty volunteers are needed to read the names of those listed on the memorial. For more information call 474-8360, 460-1484 or E-mail [fsml12@uaf.edu](mailto:fsml12@uaf.edu).

### Veterinary clinic

The Veterinary clinic is scheduled to be open 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday and May 31 at building 2610. Appointments include: shots, health certificates, microchips and mosquito repellant. For more information, call 377-1176.

### Flower vouchers

Flower vouchers will be available May 26 at the family housing self-help store to all housing residents. For more information call 372-3140.

### Life consultant program

A Military and Family Life Consultant program is available at Eielson’s Family Support Center. For more information, call 388-0483.

### Tutors needed

The Literacy Council of Alaska has a tutoring training workshop orientation 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday. For more information call 456-6212.

### 21 Mile Rifle & Pistol Club

The 21 Mile Rifle & Pistol Club is open 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays and 12 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Membership forms are available at natural resources and the skeet range. For more information call Gene Scarboro at 488-5502 or John Karish at 377-3613.

### Instructors needed

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has more than 60 instructor positions available in more than 26 states for retired or soon-to-be retired officers and NCOs. For more information, call 866-235-7682, ext. 35275.

### Lost and Found

The 354th Security Forces Squadron maintains a lost and found collection, containing items such as watches, media players, jewelry, keys and cell phones. For more information, call 377-5276.

Community center

The community center houses a playland, family exercise room, game room, television lounge and more. The center also offers various programs and special events for the entire family. Party rooms are also available. A photography club meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at the community center. No reservations are needed. For more information call 377-2642.

Golf

Intramural golf begins in June. Contact a unit sports representative or visit the fitness center for details. For more information call 377-1925.

Baseball try-outs

American Legion baseball tryouts are Sunday at Arco Field in Fairbanks. Tryouts are from 1 to 3 p.m. for junior varsity, ages 15 through 17, and 3 to 5 p.m. for varsity, ages 16 through 19. Junior varsity call 459-7021, varsity call 374-9177.

SERVICES PROGRAMS

**Editor’s Note:** For a list of other classes and programs, call 377-3268 or surf to [www.eielsonservices.com](http://www.eielsonservices.com). RSVP for classes. Outdoor recreation rents ski equipment, Ice fishing equipment and various other outdoor equipment. Call 377-1232.

Programs

**Texas Hold ‘em tournaments:** 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Yukon Club. Call 377-1075.  
**Deployed bowling for family members:** 5-7 p.m. Fridays at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.  
**Trap shoot:** 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the skeet and trap range. Instruction, ammunition and loaner guns are available. Call 377-5338.  
**FitFactor weekly events:** 2:30 p.m. Fridays at the youth center.  
**Thrifty Tuesdays:** \$1 specials on bowling and food, 5-8 p.m. at Arctic Nite Lanes.  
**Skeet league:** Log 50 targets per week. Any adult, active-duty member, family member, civilian or retiree may join the league. Call 377-5338.  
**Chess club:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the community center. Call 377-2642.  
**Spades tournament:** 8 p.m. Fridays at the Yukon Club.  
**Bowling instruction:** Available at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.



Today

❖The End of School Carnival will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. in the youth center parking lot.

Saturday

❖The BBQ Burn will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Yukon club.

❖The free Armed Forces Day triathlon is slated for 7:45 a.m. at the fitness center. Swim, bike and run as a soloist or form a three person relay team with family, friends or coworkers. Call 377-1925.

Sunday

❖The community center is open 1 to 6:30 p.m. Drop by for

a game of mini golf. The regular rate is \$1 per round per person. Ask about the center’s golf specials. Call 377-2642.

❖The Yukon Club breakfast hours have changed. The summer hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy a buffet breakfast with cook-to-order eggs for less than \$8. Call 377-2228.

Monday

❖The veterinary clinic has limited appointments for pet care. Drop by the office for more information or call 377-1176.

Wednesday

❖A fly-tying class for begin-

ners is set for 5:30 p.m. in the community center. The \$8 fee includes materials to create customized lures. Sign up in advance. Call 377-2642.

Thursday

❖Pasta Night is 5-8 p.m. at the Yukon Club. Choose from a variety of sauces, vegetables, meats and pastas. Regular price is \$13.95, club members pay \$11.95. Call 377-2228.

❖Birch Lake and Valdez military recreation sites are open for the season. No reservations are needed for day; make overnight reservations by visiting the outdoor recreation office at Bear Lake. Call 377-1232.



All movies show at 7 p.m. at the base theater unless otherwise noted.

Tonight: TAKE THE LEAD

A former professional ballroom dancer volunteers at a New York public school to teach dance. The hip-hop instincts of his students soon clash with his ballroom methods, so he teams up with them to create a new style of dance. Eventually the students trust him and he becomes their mentor. Rated PG-13 (thematic material, language, violence) 108 minutes.

Saturday: LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN

Set in New York City, a case of mistaken identity lands Slevin in the middle of a war being plotted by two of the city’s most rival

crime bosses: The Rabbi and The Boss. Slevin is under constant surveillance by relentless Detective Brikowski as well as the infamous assassin Goodkat and finds himself having to hatch his own ingenious plot to get them before they get him. Rated R (strong violence, sexuality, language) 110 minutes.

Sunday matinee - 1 p.m. ICE AGE 2

The Ice Age is coming to an end, and the animals are delighting in the melting paradise that is their new world. Manny, Sid, and Diego quickly learn that the warming climate has one major drawback: a huge glacial dam is about to break. Rated PG (mild language, innuendo) 90 minutes.

Sunday 7 p.m. ICE AGE 2

Thursday: TAKE THE LEAD



Airman Nora Anton

Stripes or solids?

Amber Harger, Ben Eielson High School freshman and daughter of retired Master Sgt. Wayne Harger, shoots a game of pool with friends at the Teen Break Friday night.

ACCESS EIELSON

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Upcoming Events

**Federal Job Search:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.  
**Sponsorship Training:** 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday.  
**Investing 101:** 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday

Ongoing Programs

**Deployment Briefings:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, single Airmen at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and married Airmen at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
**Ready, Set, Grow Playgroup:** 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the community center.  
**Smooth Move:** 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.  
**Polar Stroller Rollers:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the youth center gym.  
**Pet Sitters List:** Identifies community members who are available to care for your pets in your home.



STREET BUZZ

“What is one thing you must do or see while in Alaska?”



*“You should visit Denali Park or the Knotty Shop because they have good ice cream.”*

Staff Sgt. Clayton Parento, 354th CES



*“You should go to the Hot Springs because it’s something unique to the area.”*

Airman 1st Class Daniel Johnson, 354th MXS



*“You should go see the glaciers because it’s nice to see the glaciers fall while you’re taking a tour.”*

Alexandria Goodwine, child development specialist



*“You should go catch salmon because this is a great place to do it.”*

Col. Kenneth “Chip” Thompson, 354th OG



*“You need to go snow boarding as close to Mt. McKinley as you can.”*

Airman 1st Class Fransisco Martinez, 354th MXS

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# EOD Airmen clear range with live ordnance



Above, Senior Airman Nathan Beam, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, McChord AFB, Wash., sets up a cap and fuse for a bomb at the Pacific Alaska Range Complex. Right, smoke billows from an explosion after EOD Airmen detonate an unexploded ordnance.

by Airman Nora Anton  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The ground shook and thick clouds of black smoke erupted into the air as Airmen from the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight conducted explosive demolition operations on the Pacific Alaska Range Complex May 11.

“The purpose of the demolition is to ensure that the practice bombs, located in the ground, are safe to salvage,” said Staff Sgt. Stephen Szczurek, EOD craftsman. “These practice bombs, mostly BDU-33s and BDU-50s are practice-bombs used by aircraft to simulate high explosive



bombs.”

The EOD Airmen set out to the range with over 700 pounds of C-4 plastic explosives to counter-charge the BDU-50s by loading each with 20 pounds of C-4. As a safety precaution, EOD technicians do not dig up the bombs they find. Instead, they blow them up in place.

“There is a cartridge in the BDU-33s that explodes upon impact, but this doesn’t always happen,” said Sergeant Szczurek. “The technicians go out and detonate the bombs to ensure the cartridge has gone away. This prevents maintenance crews who clean the range from getting injured from a delayed explosion.”

In addition to clearing the range, it also provides great practice for the flight’s younger Airmen to experience valuable hands-on training with live ordnance, he said.

The EOD flight’s responsibilities are much more than “blowing things up,” said Senior Airman Harris, EOD journeyman. The flight also responds to all bomb calls in the local area to include Fairbanks and Fort Wainwright.

“There is no local bomb squad,” said Senior Airman Erick Durantt, EOD journeyman, “So if a kid finds

a pipe bomb on their way to school, we would respond.”

“We would treat a bomb found here with the same procedures as a bomb found in Iraq,” said Tech. Sgt. Steve Hallenbeck, EOD NCOIC.

EOD technicians are also responsible for rendering safe any suspicious packages that are found on base or in the local area.

Also, the EOD flight is on call to support any aircraft that has a “hung ordnance” on the flightline; this is where a bomb, rocket or similar ordnance was intended to be released from the aircraft, but wasn’t, for whatever reason, said Sergeant Szczurek.

“We would be called to inspect the ordnance to make sure it isn’t in danger of harming anyone. We inspect it to find out why it wasn’t released from the aircraft, and make sure it won’t be released when it’s not supposed to,” Sergeant Szczurek said.

While EOD technicians risk their lives ensuring Icemen and their families are safe, it’s something they are proud to say they are a part of.

Airman Durantt said his favorite part of his job is getting to do things he never thought he’d be able to do.

“I know there is no other job in the Air Force I’d want to do,” he said.



Photos by Airman Nora Anton

Above, members of the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight unload 700 pounds of C-4 explosives and prepare for a range-clearing demolition May 11. Top right, Senior Airman Steven Harris, 354th CES EOD journeyman, loads C-4 into a pack. Bottom right, a technician prepares two satchels of C-4 used to dispose of dummy bombs on the range.

